

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 659
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A RESOLUTION to honor the Page High School Patriot Chess team, 2003 National Youth Action Scholastic Chess Champions.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those young people who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Page High School Chess team are outstanding Tennesseans who have brought honor to themselves and their state by winning the 2003 National Youth Action Scholastic Chess Championship; and

WHEREAS, these astute and dedicated individuals traveled to Rockford, Illinois in November to compete in a tournament of thirty-minute games, known as "Action" chess; and

WHEREAS, the Page squad competed against a field comprised mostly of state champions, all-star teams, and other players with extraordinary levels of skill; the talented team from Williamson County ascended rapidly through the challenging competition; and

WHEREAS, the Patriots received strong competition from the Gulliver School team, the current Florida state champions; the best of the Sunshine State, however, proved not to be a match for the elite of the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, the Page team's long hours of diligent practice, untiring commitment of time and talent, and steady composure during competition were justly rewarded with the title of national champions; and

WHEREAS, the four estimable young Tennesseans who earned the score that won that honor were David Justice, Daniel Rose, William Garnette, and Jace Allison; other members of the vaunted Page team included Mikelle Field, Ryan Fitch, Sean Layne, Garin Allison, and Ian Murray; and

WHEREAS, the team was led by Captains Garnette and Field and received invaluable guidance and support from its coaches, Dr. Scott Eddins, Joe Le Tate, and Mark Ishee; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and congratulate these exemplary citizens on their outstanding accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the members of the Page High School Patriot Chess team, join their school, friends, and families in celebrating their 2003 National Youth Action Scholastic Chess Championship, and extend to each of the members of this select group our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.